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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Notice

Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband, Interoperable Public Safety
Network in the 700 MHz Band, PS Docket No. 06-229.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, May 17, 2007, representatives of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) and Bechtel Communications met with FCC Commissioner Michael Copps and Scott Deutchman, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps. Bechtel was represented by Jake MacLeod, CTO, and Charles Mathias, Manager, Government Programs and Affairs/Federal Telecoms. TIA was represented by the undersigned. The purpose of the meeting was for TIA and Bechtel to discuss the current status of the industry, particularly with respect to threatened U.S. competitiveness and innovation as a result of decreased federal support of telecom-specific research and development (R&D).

On behalf of Bechtel, and not TIA, Mr. MacLeod also referenced the above-captioned proceeding and advocated the importance of ensuring that rules governing the deployment and operation of future interoperable public safety networks provide for and encourage the deployment of the most state of the art technologies as they become available.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, a copy of this submission is being provided to Mr. Deutchman. Please contact the undersigned with any questions in connection with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Danielle Jafari

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cc:

Scott Deutchman